

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 1-76 in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Mullins, Turner et al., Safinya et al. and Mullins et al. do not disclose or suggest, among other features, a sample located outside of the housing. Mullins, Mullins et al. and Safinya et al. show a process and apparatus whereby a fluid handling device is connected to the side surface of a well bore and then fluid from the formation is sucked or pumped into the housing of the instrumentation. This type of fluid handling disturbs the sample of interest. Thus, the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and a petition has been filed herewith for a 3 month extension of time with an appropriate fee therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

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